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For: LIGHT-EMITTING DIODE AND ITS
MANUFACTURING METHOD

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 29, 2003 (Paper No. 6), for which a response was due on January 29, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to April 29, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 11 of this paper.